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SUBJECT: TRAVEL ADVISORY - DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

REF: SANTO DOMINGO 7441

1. PLEASE DISSEMINATE THE FOLLOWING TRAVEL ADVISORY TO
TRAVELERS GOING TO SANTO DOMINGO.

2. TEXT: DOMINICAN REPUBLIC'S DRUG LAWS - AN ADVISORY TO
TRAVELERS TO THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC.

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A. THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC HAS DRUG LAWS WHICH ARE
STRICTLY ENFORCED. DURING 1977 THE NUMBER OF AMERICAN
CITIZENS ARRESTED AND CONVICTED FOR POSSESSION OF PRO-
HIBITED DRUGS HAS RISEN SHARPLY OVER PREVIOUS YEARS.
PROSECUTIONS FOR VIOLATIONS OF DOMINICAN DRUG LAWS ARE
EXPECTED TO CONTINUE TO RISE VERY MARKEDLY.

B. PERSONS IN THE TWENTY TO THIRTY AGE BRACKET WITH LONG HAIR/BEARDS/MUSTACHES AND MOD OR HIGHLY INFORMAL CLOTHING COME UNDER SPECIAL SCRUTINY AND MAY BE SUBJECTED TO BODY SEARCHES BY CUSTOMS OFFICIALS. ARRESTEES HAVE INCLUDED NUMEROUS PERSONS OF PROFESSIONAL STATUS, INCLUDING DOCTORS, LAWYERS, AND BUSINESS EXECUTIVES.

C. PENALTIES RANGE FROM A FINE OF \$300.00 TO \$1,000.00 AND/OR SIX MONTHS TO A YEAR IN PRISON FOR THE SMALLEST MEASURABLE QUANTITY OF MARIJUANA TO A FINE OF \$50,000.00 AND TEN YEARS IN PRISON FOR POSSESSION OF LARGER QUANTITIES OF MARIJUANA OR POSSESSION OF SUCH DRUGS AS COCAINE, HEROIN OR LSD.

D. TRAVELERS ARE STRONGLY ADVISED NOT TO ENTER THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC CARRYING DRUGS.

3. THIS ADVISORY WILL REMAIN IN EFFECT UNTIL 12/31/78, UNLESS EXTENDED. CHRISTOPHER

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